GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PRICE OF RATION ITEMS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have increased the prices of rice sugar and wheat meant for P.D.S., recently; (

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Governments were taken into confidence prior to hike the prices;

(d) the details of the cost of procurement, handling and transportation of these items; and

(e) the extent to which it will affect the families below poverty line?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

(d) Details as follows:-

(Rs. per qtl.)

	Wheat	Rice
Procurement cost	682.12	1007.33
Handling	20.94	23.36
Transportation	53.99	61.92

While wheat and rice are procured by the Central Government, the PDS sugarrequirements are requisitioned from the sugar factories. While the sugar factories are paid the ex-factory levy sugar prices fixed by the Government, an amount of Rs.200 per quintal is added over the ex-factory levy sugar price to arrive at the delivered cost of sugar in the PDS.

(e) Does not arise.